

Finding Christmas On Stamps

Birds Again On Finland TB Issue

Finland continues with the theme chosen for the 1951 anti-tuberculosis semipostals—that of birds. The New TB set for 1952 had its first day of issue December 4 and also consisted of three stamps.



Like last year's, the new ones are the work of designer Mrs. Signe Hammarsten-Jansson. B. Ekholm engraved the two high denominations, R. Achren, the low.

Values colors and designs are 10 plus 2mk green, tomtit; 15 plus 3mk plum, fly-catchers; and 25 plus 5mk blue, swift.

According to Georg Gustafsson, Kalavegatan 40 C. 47, Helsingfors, Finland there was a printing of 400,000 of the two high values and 500,000 of the low.

New Regulars For Portugal

Portugal on January 10 will release an entirely new definitive issue of 15 denominations. It will replace the current series first inaugurated in 1942, in small format, and picturing an ancient sailing vessel.

Theme for the new set will be early national historical subjects. Size of the stamps will be the same as those now in use but laid out horizontally instead of up and down.

Denominations according to D. J. Duarte of Lisbon, Portugal are—5, 10, 20, 50 and 90c; 1, 1.40, 1.50, 2, 2.30, 2.50, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Escudos.

Production will be by off-set lithography at the Casa de Moeda, the Government printery.

St. Francis Xavier, who has a special place in the hearts of Portuguese, will be the subject honored on a set of four commems to be released by Portugal December 23. It is the centenary of the saint's death.

Denominations, quantities and colors are 1 Escudo green (8,000,000); 2E vermilion (900,000); 3.50E blue (350,000); and 5E violet (250,000).

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Linn's Weekly Stamp News

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The Post Office Department has chosen New Years Day 1953 for the inauguration of additional airmail service on route AM-94 which has as one of the terminal points, Albany, N. Y. From there a Segment 5 is to be started which will serve several Massachusetts cities. Four days later, on January 5, the city famed as the site of Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., will be an added airmail stop on the north segment of route AM-111. On both days, and from the respective cities, the Post Office Department will make it possible for collectors to obtain cachets on their prepared covers.

The official bulletin from the Department described the new air service as follows:

Effective on or about January 1, 1953, air mail service will be inaugurated over Segment 5 of route A. M. 94 from the terminal point Albany, N. Y., the intermediate points Pittsfield-Westfield, and Worcester, Mass., and the terminal point Boston, Mass.

Special cachets will be provided for those stop points listed above

and the Air Mail Field, Boston, Mass., and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air mail covers sent to the postmasters at the above named offices, and to the District Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, District 8, Boston, Mass., for dispatch from the Air Mail Field, Boston, must be prepaid at the appropriate air-mail postage rate.

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No event in the entire world has ever brought such a vast outpouring of literature or art.

All down through the centuries artists have vied with one another in producing scenes depicting the "Madonna and Child." Many of these works have been copied in one form or another on the stamps of the world, and give rise to much study.

In 1943 Hungary issued a set of stamps (Scott types A110, A111 and A112) upon which we see the "Message to the Shepherds," "The Nativity" and "The Adoration of the Magi." These are truly Christmas stamps.

In 1938 this country had put out one bearing the title "Madonna, Patroness of Hungary" (A35) a real work of art. Other fine items Hungary has issued are seen in types A23, A28, A65, and A77, but another that is most noticeable is the "Ivy Crowned Virgin" patron of pilots, SP69.

Romania remembered Christmas in 1906 with "Angel Announcing the Birth of Christ" stamp.

Another most noted design, "Adoration of the Magi" was by Lucas Van Leyden, (1494-1438).

This art treasure is owned by the Art Institute of Chicago, and it is a masterpiece of Dutch portrayal of an oriental scene.

Lucas painted all his religious pictures with a setting of costumes true to the wealthy life to the 16th century in Holland. His Wise Men were copied from the Moors of southern Spain. The gifts they are presenting in this picture to the new born babe might well have been imagined by Lucas from the costly treasures the oriental merchants sold in Dutch towns. In the background, a party of horsemen are setting forth from the gate of a castle. Both Mother and Babe are as sweet and ethereal as the Magi are elaborate.

"MADONNA AND CHILD ENTHRONED" (By an unknown Artist)

There is being shown an old painting that is of a most unusual design, called "Madonna and Child Enthroned." It is not very lovely, not of bright attractive coloring, but dull, dark and drab. Nobody knows who painted it, but it was painted on wood, in the province of Tuscany, Italy, date unknown.

Christianity was sweeping through the world, driving out earlier gods and goddesses and destroying paganism, and all art was concerned with religious subjects, and the paintings of madonnas for altar pieces and saints were their greatest achievements.

The Old Testament commanded that man should not make any "graven images" of his God. The early Christians puzzled over this and decided it was wrong to make the pictures lifelike. For that reason they made instead a sort of a design of the human figure, and so, their saints were carved or painted according to the pattern, very thin, sickly pale looking figures.

The unknown Tuscan who made his picture of Mary and Babe on wood so long ago decided that features were worth painting, and

after all Jesus and his Mother had been human beings. So long a time lapsed since any one had tried to paint a natural face, that he had to look at the old coffin lids of ancient Rome to get his inspiration. He gave a living look to the eyes of the Mother, and the Babe, tho the Babe was painted with an adult face—like a dwarfed figure. This unknown artist from Tuscany had caught a new idea in art.

THE VIRGIN, By Fra Angelico (1387-1455)

In the collection of Edsel B. Ford of Detroit is "The Virgin," a deeply religious painting with a really human beautiful face. This style was the result of the Renaissance, or rebirth of art. Fra Angelico who had been shut away from the world since he had taken the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, found it was necessary to use as models the handsome young men of the monasteries.

The Virgin, by him was evidently painted with a boy as a model, but it was enough like the old Byzantine religious paintings to be acceptable to the church for an altar piece. He never offended his superiors by too much worldliness as did many other artists.

The change of thought in religious art can be noticed plainly. In the madonna stamps issued by Saar, in type A30, we see the "Madonna of Blieskastel" while in type SP10 there is shown in more modern style the "Madonna by Ferruccio".

"THE BLACK VIRGIN"

The Black Virgin is shown on two stamps issued by Spain in 1931. These are types A91 and A92 of a set of five, known as the Montserrat Issue. This issue was brought out in commemoration of the old monastery which had been built at Montserrat in 1031.

Here we see the sacred image of the Black Virgin which it is claimed had been carved by St. Luke (1 AD) This image was solemnly crowned by Pope Leo XIII in 1881. One can easily see the model for the stamp was an image. The profile view (A92) is most unusual, and more enlarged than the picture shown sitting. (A91).

This image carved by St. Luke could easily have been from memory tho the carving must have been crude. It shows plainly how in those early days of religious art that it was the custom to use a

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Supplement For Catalog Planned

The Catalogue Committee of the American Air Mail Society has announced that the entire cost of production of the massive two volume edition of the "American Air Mail Catalogue" has been completely offset and that future monies received from the sale of the current edition will be applied to a special fund to keep the catalogues up to date and to publish books in other fields of air-post collecting as occasion may require. Simultaneously with this statement, announcement was made by L. B. Gatchell chairman of the Catalogue Committee and editor of the Society's publications, that work would commence immediately on a supplement which will include corrections and additions to the present volumes and bring all listings up to a current basis.

Volume I of the present edition was released in 1947 and Volume II in 1950, and it is believed that a book of 300 to 400 pages will be required to accomplish this program. The present plans call for the supplement to be issued in a single volume and will include corrections and additions for both Volume I and Volume II. It is hoped that this volume can be placed in the hands of collectors by the late fall or winter of 1953.

The history of AAMS catalogues best exemplifies the type of work undertaken by the Society and the group of people who work for it. In 1931 the first step in the publication field was taken when the rights to "The Airpost Journal" were acquired. The group brought out its first catalogue in 1931 when it published a complete catalogue on Contract Air Mail Covers.

The Society's dream of an all-inclusive catalogue was realized in 1940 by the release of the "American Air Mail Catalogue" — a large single volume book of over 800 pages. This edition has long since been sold out and these volumes are now library pieces.

Reeves Assumes SPA Presidency

With the sudden death of Ignatz Reiner, president of the Society of Philatelic Americans, on November 29, vice president Ben Reeves of Chicago, Ill. has automatically become the new president in accordance with the by-laws of the organization.

Fortunately, just a few weeks ago Mr. Reiner was in Chicago and worked out various plans with Mr. Reeves. The new president will carry out those plans as well as many new ones under consideration, all for the good of the membership in particular and the hobby in general.

Mr. Reeves has been an active stamp collector for more than 50 years and has been active in organized philately for the past 25 years. He has exhibited extensively, not only in this country but abroad where his collections have won numerous prizes and awards.

He is recognized as an authority on various phases of philately, is a well-known author, and has collaborated extensively with other authors in connection with our hobby.

He is a member of long standing not only in the Society of Philatelic Americans, but the American Philatelic Society, Collectors Club of N. Y., Royal Philatelic Society of London, many local stamp clubs, specialized study groups, Postal Historians of London, and Postal History Society of Great Britain.

In many of these clubs and groups he has held offices from time to time and is constantly in demand as a judge of stamp exhibitions and as a speaker.

Nicaraguan Set Honors Charter

Over a year ago five of the six Central American nations met and signed the Charter of San Salvador by which they agreed to create an organization which will work for a better understanding and relationship between the signatories. To mark this historical meeting, Nicaragua has announced the impending release of a set of commemorative stamps, March 31.

The charter was signed in October 1951 and the organization is officially known as "Organizacion de Estados Centro Americanos" (ODECA).

In the airmail part of the issue will be a 20c scarlet, picturing the ODECA Coat of Arms; 25c turquoise, ODECA Flag; 30c gray, presidents of the five republics; 60c green, Charter and five flags; 1C, violet, map of Central America.

The regulars are 4c blue, ODECA Flag; 5c green, Central American map; 6c brown, ODECA Coat of Arms; 10c green, five presidents; 50c slate, ODECA Charter and five flags.

Printing is from engraved plates by Thomas de la Rue & Co. of London, England.

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The official rate of exchange is 5 Cordobas equal one U. S. dollar. One Cordoba equals 100 centavos.

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Has Article On Franchise Stamps

Some time ago, P. Ostrow wrote an article on the little-known Italian Franchise stamps of 1924. These stamps, although they correspond closely to the Portuguese Franchise issues, are not chronicled by Scott. Now, Mr. Ostrow has reprinted the article for public distribution.

It illustrates the various designs used, lists all the major varieties issued, and describes the charitable organizations which used them. An appendix has been added pricing for sale most of the stamps.

A copy of the article may be had by sending 6c in stamps to cover mailing to P. Ostrow, P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N. J.

Death Of Charles Townsend At Akron

Charles A. Townsend retired 91 year old letter carrier and nationally known stamp and cover collector died at his Akron, Ohio home Saturday December 6. He had become intrigued with stamps as early as age 9 and subsequently an avid collector and dealer.

He was born in Dunkirk, N. Y. but at age fifteen the family came to Akron.

In 1926 he retired from active duty as a mail carrier after 28 years of service. He is survived by a son-in-law, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.



THE FIRST stamps bearing the likeness of Queen Elizabeth II of England as a queen were issued by the British Postal Administration on December 5. Colors and denominations are 1 1/2d green and 2 1/2d red. Production was by photogravure. Portraits on both stamps are excellently produced pictures of England's sovereign. The stamps are shown through the courtesy of the Washington Press, Newark, N. J.

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When placed in exhibitions the collection won many gold medals and trophies. In fact, none of the top awards of philately escaped the merits of the Lichtenstein display.

Jacques Minkus, manager of Gimbels Stamp Departments, advises that it is his intention to offer these stamps in sets of pairs and blocks with proper certification that they have been a part of the famed Lichtenstein collection.

Bibliography Should Interest Collectors

Those collectors who do their album write-ups quite seriously should find a recently issued reference book a real help. It is "A Bibliography of Articles, Descriptive, Historical and Scientific on Colonies and Other Dependent Territories. Appearing in American Geographical and Kindred Journals."

In its pages are carefully cross-indexed listings of material, fitting within the above broad field. The user is told where various articles which come within his interest are to be found.

The editors are Lowell and Janet Ragatz, a husband and wife team who are well qualified for this type compilation.

There are two volumes, number I which handles data through 1934, and number II, 1935 through 1950. Binding is between tan Twilltex covers — the selling price is \$4.50 the set of two books. Order from the authors at 5859 Olentangy Blvd., Worthington, Ohio.

Helvetia Society Plans Annual Meeting

The Helvetia Society for the Collectors of Switzerland have set the time for the annual business meeting of the organization. It will occur on February 7 in the afternoon. In the evening, the 15th anniversary dinner is scheduled.

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This is one of the interesting angles that presents itself in the rising market such as we have now, and the logical follow-up to this is the desire to anticipate what NEXT issue will be ready for similar appreciation. After Byrd Panes began to rise, they were shortly followed by the four issues noted above, and even more recently Tipex caught on to the point that they disappeared at the \$20 per 100 level and are now a \$31 item, which is a fine increase in anybody's language.

The present cycle seems to be still in an early stage, yet we still have an obsolescence factor in preparing these comments. For example in our previous column, mention was made of that fact that Byrd sheets would soon be reaching the \$10 level, whereas the sheet had not only hit \$10, but actually was quoted at \$10.25 in our Dec. 20th issue. Furthermore individual lots of the issue in wholesale units of 50 were bringing \$9.50 per lot, which was the same as the 20c retail we had projected as a possibility rather than a reality.

Now that Exhibition Panes and Farleys have already shown a remarkable performance and have staged a good come-back during 1952, the big question is to predict what series of commemoratives will be in line for a like rise in 1953. We do not have much evidence to support this as yet, but Famous Americans could be in for some extra activity.

The Famous set has been around in quantity for a long time, and just as soon as supplies are gone at present levels possibly they may get on the band-wagon. Flags might even out-distance Famous because of the very favorable ratio of face to market value. Anyway, the Parks set has already set the stage for one of these other two issues turning in a similar performance. We'll give you more definite quotations on these sometime in January.

Warren W. Scholl

Michel Catalog Lists Europe

The 1953 edition of one of the world's reliable stand-by catalogs, the "Michel Briefmarken Katalog" is now available to interested collectors through Jacob Habib, 1407 Sheridan Ave., New York 56, N. Y. at \$4.00 per copy, postage and duty paid.

The Michel is edited and published in Germany and is in the German language. To get the greatest benefit from it therefore, the user should have a fundamental knowledge of German, but this is not an absolute necessity. One versed in catalog use will find not too much difficulty from the language standpoint until he tries to make use of the specialized German section. There it will be a necessity.

Only European nations are dealt with and these in a most thorough manner.

The current Michel contains 1238 pages with plentiful illustrations bound between cloth covers. According to the publishers, material shortages have limited the number of catalogs they were able to print — when the present stock is exhausted, that is all until next year.

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Two Italian artists were honored by the postal administrations of their native country with commemorative stamps on the centenaries of their birth.



Recognized were Vincenzo Gemito, a sculptor, on a 25 Lire brown, and Antonio Mancini, a painter, on a 25L green. These men made a basic contribution to the stamp designs for the adaptations were made from self portraits.

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco, both stamps were overprinted AMG-FTT for use in the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste.

Medical Subjects In New Topical Time

At last help has come to those who collect Medical Subjects on Stamps via the American Topical Association's Topical Time for November-December.

"The Scope of Medical Subjects in Philately", by Dr. Wilson A. Swanker is an eye opener in all fields of Medical. Dr. Swanker one of the foremost experts in this phase of Topicals deals at length on this interesting topic. Among the many sections dwelled upon are: medical portraiture; medical events; medical mythology; medical buildings; Red Cross stamps; health Postal tax stamps; the Caduceus on stamps; stamps depicting the diseases; and medical botany.

Another interesting article on the same plane is, "Doctors on Stamps, Some Biographical Notes", by Don M. Cregier. In his article Mr. Cregier lists a total of 64 doctors with a brief sketch on each. Those doctors are from every field of medical endeavor and contributed much to raising the medical standards to where they are today.

Correspondence can be directed to the American Topical Association; 3306 N. 50th Street, Milwaukee 16, Wis.

Produces Vatican City Check List

The stamps of popular Vatican City are the subject of a recently produced check list prepared and edited by William Wonneberger, 556 Newfield Ave., Bridgeport 7, Conn. It provides just the type information most collectors like to include in their write-ups.

Listings are by Scott Catalog numbers. Each issue is identified by its proper name such as Definitives, Provisional, Juridical Congress and etc. The period when each is valid for the prepayment of postal fees is given as is the designer, the printing firm, stamps per post office size pane, printing method and the watermark, if any.

The Check List consists of five individual 8 1/2 x 11 pages printed on one side produced by a duplicating process. The reference information contained is found in but several of the Italian specialized catalogs.

Copies of the Check List will be sent to those sending a large size envelope bearing a stamp and a name and address, and 15c in coin, to Mr. Wonneberger at the address above.

Hempstead Round-Up In Late January

On Sunday January 25, the Hempstead Club will stage a jam-boree and round-up to which all collectors are invited. From noon to 6 p. m. the group will hold forth in the American Legion Home, Marvin and Greenwich Sts., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.

Several dealers with stamps and philatelic supplies have engaged space. Tables will be provided where individuals can trade stamps and covers.

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KENYA — UGANDA — TANGANYIKA. The Royal Visit set of two stamps, with a very small printing, is in demand at advancing prices. At the recent A.S.D.A. show, in New York, one dealer had a large sign offering this scarce set as a show special at only \$1.25. What will this set sell for a year from now???

UNION SOUTH AFRICA. The pair of two pence blue violet and dull blue stamps No. 103 - 104 is priced by Scott at \$1.50 each or \$3.00 for the pair. This pair is listed in Gibbons as No.5 with a catalogue price of 90 shillings. A mint pair sold at a recent Equitable auction sale for \$11.00.

GIBRALTAR. The two pence dark gray stamp No.110 was also issued in coils with the watermark sideways. This coil stamp is scarce and priced by Gibbons at 35 Pounds and by Commonwealth Catalogue 25 Pounds. Perhaps you can locate a copy based on Scott's catalogue price of 30 cents. Do not try to get blocks which do not exist.

BAHAMAS. The Eleuthera set 132-147 is in demand at advancing prices. Fynden in Stamp Collecting (London) calls the 10 pence stamp a "GOOD FYND" when available.

GIBRALTAR. The six pence of the 1950 New Constitution set exists with double overprint and a mint copy sold recently at a H. R. Harmer sale in London at 27 Pounds.

PRICES. All British Empire stamps are advancing as is evidenced by the prices realized at recent auction sales. This applies to both mint and used. Prices average over half catalogue for all desirable items.

AUSTRALIA. At a recent Equitable auction sale, a very fine used copy of the two Pound stamp No.15, sold for full catalogue of \$55.00.

DOMINICA. At the same sale a mint copy of Scott's No.24 sold for \$22.00.

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An Avalanche

The way new subscriptions have been coming in to our office in the past few weeks is like an avalanche. Always after the middle of November we get a lot of renewals for subscriptions originally taken at the first ASDA show in New York of a few years back. In past years we have been picking them up personally, but this year we had no booth at the show and the subscriptions have been coming in through the mail. On top of this we have also been digging in the usual manner or perhaps a bit harder for more new subscriptions, for being a born newspaper man I know that circulation is the one biggest thing we have to keep after the year around.

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Lets' try that plan, let's make 1953 a \$2.00 year and boost our circulation to the 50,000 mark. Once this is done you can depend on a full 16 page paper every week and in some weeks a 20 to 24 page issue will doubtless have to be put out to meet the demand.

20th Century Fancy Cancels

Fancy cancellations on our older stamps has long been one of the popular fields of specialization but few collectors seem to realize that fancy cancels are perhaps more numerous on 20th century stamps than on 19th century issues.

It is true of course that most of these were created by someone who wanted to inject a bit of humor into the canceling device, but that is true also of the older cancels. Both groups have brought forth reprimands from the Post Office Officials forbidding their use from time to time, but both groups do exist and as we said, there are perhaps more of them and of greater variety in 20th century cancels than in 19th.

In order that there might be a record of 20th century cancels, Mr. Foster W. Loso of Elizabeth, N. J. planned a book on the subject. Mr. Heyliger de Windt was co-author and the book was finally completed, but the author passed away about the same time, leaving the edition in the hands of his widow.

This book is bound in cloth, pages are 7x10 inches in size, printed on excellent paper, over 160 pages, illustrated with over 1200 illustrations of 20th century fancy cancellations. Where known the town in which the cancel was used is noted also the approximate date of use. Much other information is provided and the book is an excellent guide to the fancy cancels of the 20th century.

You need this book if you want to gather these interesting cancels. A copy can be had postpaid from the publishers or from the office of Linn's Weekly Stamp News for \$5.00. We understand the edition was limited.

Forgeries and Fakes

As I have said before, these things should not worry the average collector to any great extent as he will run into few of them if he keeps his eyes open.

For the real student of stamps who wants to know and understand all points about such matters, a study of a paper by Alexander J. Sefi, read before the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in 1929, will be of great help. This is a pamphlet of 28 pages and thus expensive at the price quoted, however for the student who wants the information, it can perhaps be had in no other way. Janet van den Berg, of Worthington, Ohio has obtained a few copies of this paper by Sefi which can be had for \$1.10 postpaid. We can recommend this for the real student but not as a desirable pamphlet for the average amateur.

Words Of Wisdom

Once in a while we find something about stamps in the non-philatelic press worth talking about. In the October 18 issue of "Business Week" we find some comments on stamps and stamp collecting, much of it is poorly given and inaccurate, rather sort of wishful thinking of the man who prepared the copy. There is however one sentence which is sound advice and which we are going to quote here for it is too often disregarded and thus the cause of despair or regret on the part of some collector who if he needs this advice will feel better.

This is perhaps with reference to the boys who rush to the Post Office and buy a sheet of each new stamp. The advice we want to quote from Business Week says . . . "If you're looking for profits, don't invest any money unless you can forget about it for 10 or 15 years."

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Issue Seals For New South Wales

Keith Tucker

The Anti-Tuberculosis Association of the state of New South Wales, Australia still issue its own seal in spite of the fact that there is now a single national seal for the nation. Funds from the sale of these seals are used to combat tuberculosis too, but full control of the money remains with the state organization.



They are produced in booklet form, 20 to the pane (5 x 4) and six panes to the booklet. Each pane is made up of three different designs. In the two outer vertical rows, the first and fifth, the design is of a large green Cross of Lorraine around which Santa Claus is driving his reindeer.

The second and fourth vertical rows have seals picturing a potted evergreen on which is superimposed a white Lorraine Cross. On the third, or center row seals is a shadowy picture of a doctor with stethoscope and the Lorraine Cross.

Charles Hewitt an artist with Chessell, McCredie Printery, Ltd. of Sydney was responsible for the designs, while the actual printing was performed by the T. & H. Printery of Sydney.

A high gloss ink was used on Jones' non-curling enamelled paper. Separation is by roulette perforation. Straight edges exist on both sides and the bottom of the pane.

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1952. The design is rather simple showing a flower which appears to be a Christmas Rose. With the exception of a Red Cross of Lorraine, the color is a pastel gray green.

According to Sidney N. Steensma of Detroit the seals are produced in booklet form ten seals to a page and ten pages to a book.

1953 STAMP PROGRAM

Feb. 23—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C.
March 2—Ohio Statehood 3c, Chillicothe, Ohio.
March 2—Washington Territorial 3c, Olympia, Wash.
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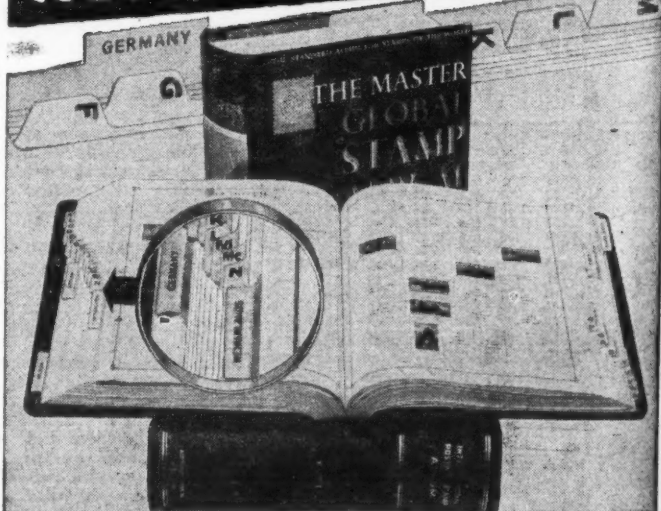
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By CARL P. RUETH
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 To all of you I extend the sincere wish that this Christmas is the finest and most heart-warming you have ever had. I hope many blessings will find you then and continue into the New Year to brighten your path.
 I want to express my thanks too, to that legion of friends and readers who have been so faithful in supplying items for the column. And to those who have taken the extra minute to say they have gotten information and pleasure from these weekly efforts.

1. What was the last stamp issued at (not for) a world's fair?
2. In 1939 was released a stamp for the centennial of baseball. The first day occurred in the city where is located the Baseball Hall of Fame. What city is it?

The November 1952 edition of "The Collectors Club Philatelist" contains an article which should be "must" reading for every collector. It is "Philately Behind The Iron Curtain" by Harrison D. S. Haverbeck.

Mr. Haverbeck sets forth the shenanigans the reds use to get the dollars from the suckers who spend money for Russian and satellite nations stamp issues (so-called). You might not collect such rubbish—but the information will add to your store of philatelic knowledge.

It is to be regretted that the circulation of the Philatelist is so relatively small, to the members and a few others of the Collectors Club of New York City. And, to pay \$1.25 for a copy of it just for the one article is a little rich for the blood.

The Collectors Club, which is incorporated to render outstanding service to the hobby, could do some wonderful rendering here, just by giving permission to the world's philatelic publications to reproduce this copyrighted story in their papers.

And while we are in the "Being Helpful To Others Dept." here are a couple more items for your consideration.

One from Andrew J. Stefun of Lewisburg, Pa. has to do with that other plague of stamp and book collectors, the Silverfish. Some of you have had trouble with and others probably never heard of them. In any event you should know what they are so in case they do make an appearance in your home you know enough to recognize the pests and how to put up a fight.
 Mr. Stefun states that the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. has a pamphlet titled, "Silverfish" — Leaflet No. 149, U. S. Department of Agriculture, at 5c per copy. Just send the coin to that address with the title of the publication.
 Clayton W. Grafton, Akron, Ohio, at wits end how to do the thing he was trying to do, got an answer which should be of general interest since no doubt a number of you have had the same experience.
 He was trying to affix gummed labels or stickers to the surface of his albums, the surface consisting of the imitation leather material. After having gone to a lot of pains to stick some of these items to the binders — well — here are his own words:
 ".....Opening the cabinet two days later....I found 95 percent of them laying on the floor, and those on the front were unstuck. Poor quality stickum on them, I thought, so I restuck them with fresh mucilage — same results, no stick.
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Have just looked over this year's crop of stamps and have made my selections in the Design Derby. I am sure the choices made will not fall in with the final standings—I say this after a quick glance over the votes received to date. In past years, I have been pretty well agreed with the national results.
 As the best design from the engraving, color and picture standpoint I like the Engineers. In second place I like the B & O RR which if it had had a better color, I would have selected as the champion. In third place is the Red Cross.

In my estimation the Lafayette wins the Worst Design title hands down. Crowding it though for these doubtful honors are the Grand Coulee, Mt. Rushmore, Betsy Ross and the Bible.
 The Least Necessary is undoubtedly the Newsboys.
 And the Design Most Appropriate to the Subject the B & O RR.

There they are, and I won't argue about them. I believe that we have had some very mediocre and stupid designs, and then we have had several which are outstanding.

Again I urge all of you who have not as yet sent in your ballots please do so at once. The more votes we have the more representative the results will be. Each year the number who have expressed themselves in the Derby has increased over the year before. Let's don't lag this year.

Clubs seem to be coming through better than last year which is as it should be for the clubs are certainly the hub and the backbone of organized philately.

Use this ballot, or a reasonable facsimile. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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A reader mentions that the stamps of today scuff a lot easier than formerly. Wants to know if poorer paper is the cause.

The stamp he sent as a sample is the Mt. Rushmore which has a vertical format and was placed in that position on the envelope. In its trip through the cancelling machine a part of the design was scuffed off at the bottom.

I believe the paper is as good as it ever was. As I mentioned some months ago you have to put these "high" stamps on the envelope in a horizontal position to keep them from damage. Even a well adjusted automatic canceller at the post office will peel off part of the design when it extends below a certain level from the top of the envelope.

1. The 13th Amendment released October 20, 1940 at the New York World's Fair.
2. Cooperstown, N. Y.

Precancel NEWS


Kenneth M. Gierhart
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IOWA TOWN LISTS

I still have a few IOWA town lists left. This folder lists all of the IOWA precancel using offices to date of publication which was MAY of 1952. Surprisingly there have been very few IOWA towns reported since this list was published. A copy will be sent to interested collectors for return postage only.

UNITED NATION PRECANCELS

Under a heading of WHAT'S NEXT? the December Forum exposes the United Nations Precancels. As we first pointed out the mailing under Sec. 34.66 is so much bunk as is every other statement certain news articles tried to make the collector believe.

Quoting again "If and when we are able to smoke out the true story of this precancel —" Remember me mentioning that there is a story that is not being told now and quite likely will be told by those immediately behind these stamps.

The FORUM is to be congratulated in taking its stand and we hope that its readers or editors can soon dig up the TRUE story about these precancels.

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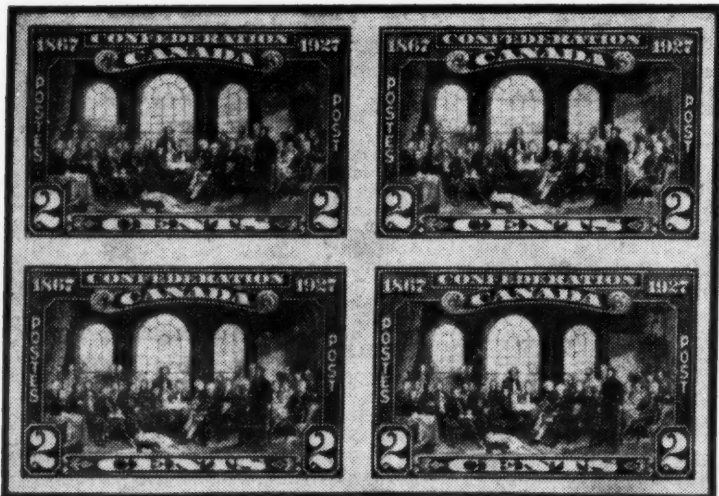
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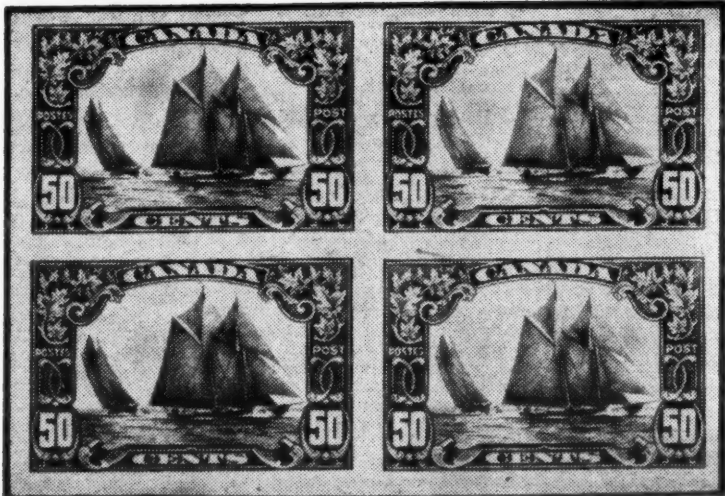
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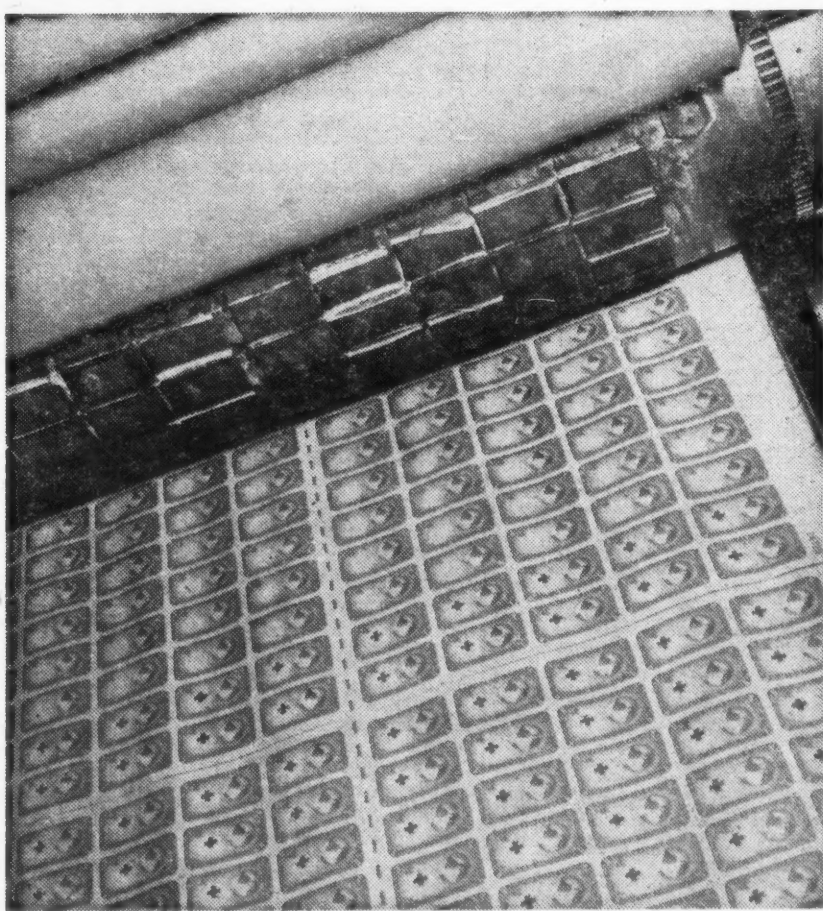
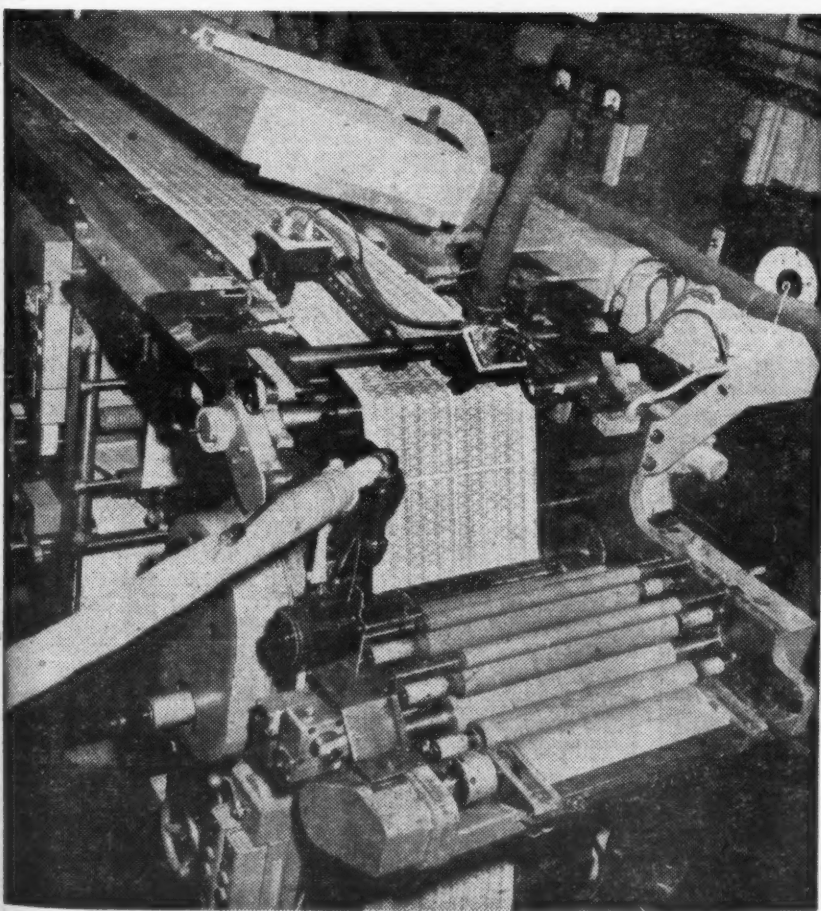
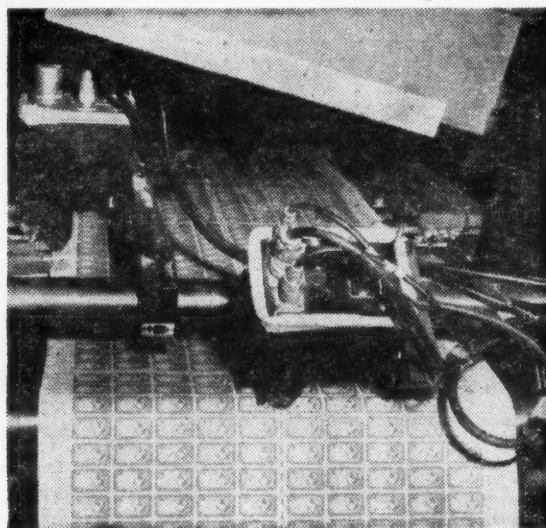
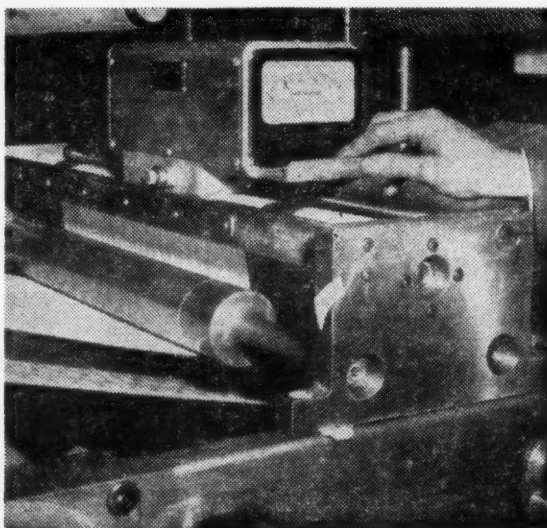
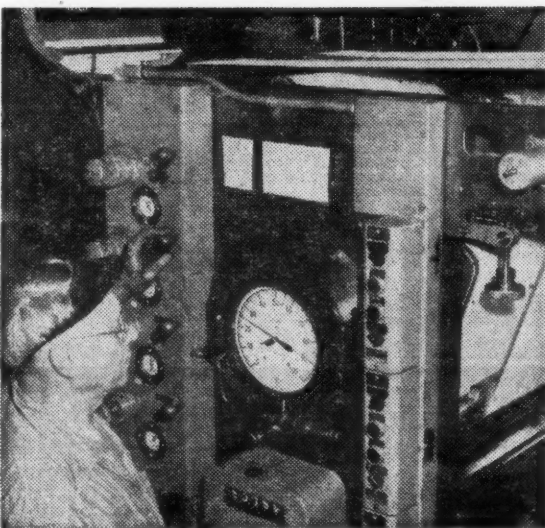
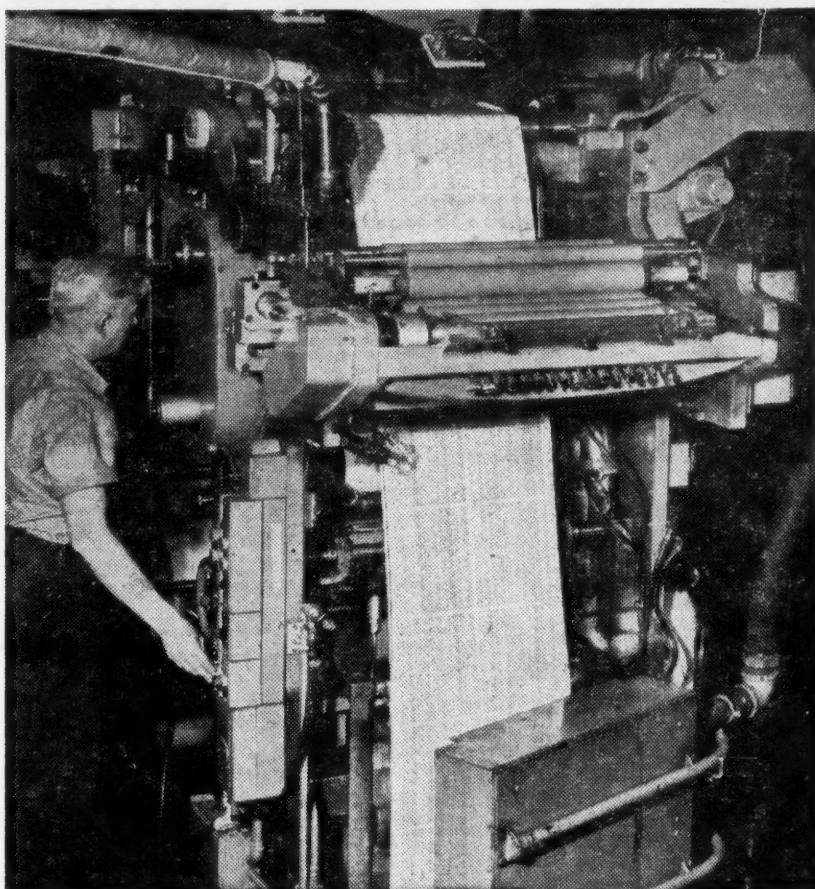
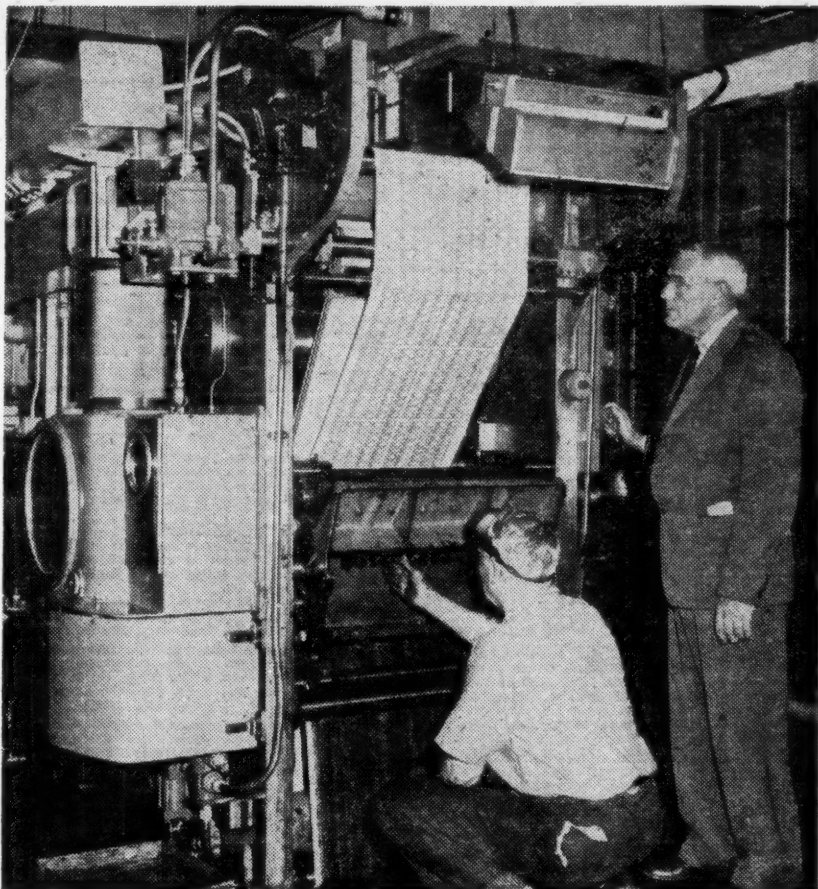
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from the collection owned by the German government. Some of
the material brought across is shown in the picture above—models
of mail carrying vehicles. At the left is a rural post wagon of 1875,
center, the Royal Bavarian Coach of 1870, and at right a German
Postal Coach of 1873. Amstrat Erich Fleischer of the German Postal
Museum accompanied the exhibit to the United States.
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CUBA—Eight postage and two
airmail stamps honoring 'Defend-
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA—A souvenir
sheet was issued October 18 to
mark the State exhibit of stamps
in the Slovakian Museum in Bratis-
lava, consisting of 2 and 3kcs. items
picturing the "Gratitude to the So-
viet Army" monument. The an-
nouncement from the Czechoslov-
vak Post Philatelic Services states
that the sheet is valid for inter-
national and foreign postage. At the
same time a 1.50 kcs. brown-gray,
stamp with view of Bratislava, was
issued.

FRENCH MOROCCO—A 30fr
postage due stamp has been releas-
ed.

GREAT BRITAIN—The first of
the New Queen Elizabeth II stamps
were placed on sale December 5.
The 2½d magenta bears a likeness
of the Queen surrounded by an or-
namental oval, with heraldic rep-
resentations of the Rose, Thistle, Daf-
fodil and Shamrock in the lower
left.

The 1½d green, shows a similar
portrait, encircled by the national
emblems. The stamps were design-
ed by M. C. Farrar-Bell of Harrison
& Sons, Ltd., and Miss Enid
Marx, respectively. It is stated the
two values will be overprinted for
use at British Postal Agencies in
Morocco and the Persian Gulf.

GREECE—Four stamps appear-
ed December 14 for the 50th birth-
day of King Paul. Values are 200
drachmas, green; 1000dr. red; 1400-
dr. gray and 10,000dr. red-violet.
Professor D. Galanis was the de-
signer.

ISRAEL—Two stamps (30 and
110 pruta) will appear this month
honoring the late Dr. Chaim Weiz-
mann, first president of Israel, after
a design by Messers Wind-Struski,
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LUXEMBOURG—The personali-
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GOLD COAST—The first of the
colonial stamps portraying Queen
Elizabeth II appeared December 19,
according to the Crown Agents for
the Colonies. The stamp is a 2½d
value, in red, showing a mounted
constable, with the portrait in the
upper left.

JAPAN—A souvenir sheet was
issued December 10 for Bandai
Asahi National Park, consisting of
the 5, 10, 14 and 24 yen values,
priced at 60 yen and imperforate.

Another souvenir sheet will ap-
pear December 23 consisting of the
5, 10 and 24 yen Prince Akihito

stamps, imperforate and priced at
50 yen.

Finally, there will be a 5 yen
New Year stamp, showing a doll
of Sanbaso. A sheet of four such
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SALVADOR—The 8 centavos
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Colonel of the Rough Riders in
Cuba—Governor of New York—
Vice President after McKinley's
assassination—26th President of
United States.

The Panama Canal was begun
during his Administration.

Right—

GEORGE W. GOETHALS—born
in Brooklyn 1858—died in 1928. He
graduated from West Point 1888 as
an army engineer and served on
various inland water projects and
fortifications for more than 20
years.

In 1907 he was appointed to head
the army engineering staff in the
Panama Canal zone, where he
effectively reorganized the admini-
stration and instituted badly needed
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Issue Stamp For Stamp Exhibition

Two stamps issued to mark a
Philatelic Exhibit held in Koper,
Trieste B-Zone, from November 29
through December 7, have been re-
ceived by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth,
N. J.



A 15-dinar stamp in red brown
depicts a starfish and other fish,
and is perforated, being printed in
sheets of 32.

The second stamp is emerald
green, of 50 dinar denomination,
and is printed in an imperforate
sheetlet. It follows the same de-
sign as the 15-dinar, but has at-
tached to it an ornamental inscrib-
ed tab showing a view of Koper,
the inscription bearing the name
of the city in two languages and
the wording "Philatelic Exhibition"
in three languages, together with
a ribbon with the dates of the ex-
hibition on it.

A special cancellation was used,
with inscription in Croat and Ital-
ian.

Australian 1953 Stamp Program

Australia's Postmaster General
Anthony revealed an extensive pro-
gram of new stamp issues for 1953,
included in which are three for the
Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, and
three to publicize the food produc-
ing industry of the nation.

The Coronations, to be released
just prior to the actual crowning
of England's queen, will have de-
nominations of 3½d, 7½d and 2
shillings.

Three of Australia's large scale
food industries are to be made
known to the world via three
stamps each of 3d and three of
3½d values. They are the butter,
wheat and beef. These are due in
February.

Available on March 1 will be
new 1d and 3½d items in the re-
gular postage series. The 1d de-
sign will picture Elizabeth as a
Queen in place of a Princess, and
the 3½d will show her instead of
her father.

The nation's young farmers are
to be commemorated via a 3½d
commem in August for the 25th
anniversary of the Young Farmers'
Clubs.

Also according to Keith Tucker
of Melbourne, Australia the sesqui-
centennial of the Settlement in the
State of Tasmania will be marked
with either two or three stamps.

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